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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Roger Dale Hiatt  
TITLE : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
EXTRACTING A SAMPLE FROM A STRIP OF  
MATERIAL  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction dated January 30, 2003, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, the designated invention of Group I (Claims 1-20). The Office Action set a one-month statutory period to respond. Applicant files herewith a Request for 3-Month Extension of Time along with the proper fee. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.